IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 18, 23 and 33 as follows.

A complete list of the Claims and their present status is as follows:

--1. (Currently Amended) An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for dental patients, comprising.

a bendable continuously curved arcuate band extending between obliquely and outwardly extending distal ends, said ends having odor emitting means affixed thereon;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for physical separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

2. (Original) The clip of Claim 1 wherein said odor emitting means comprises a pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having an odorant absorbed therewithin.

3. (Original) The clip of claim 2 wherein said inner surface is provided with a coating of soft material.

4. (Original) The clip of Claim 3 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

5. (Original) The clip of Claim 1 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

6. (Original) The clip of Claim 1 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

7. (Original) The intra-nasal clip as in Claim 1 wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

8. (Original) The clip of Claim 7 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

9. (Original) The clip of Claim 8 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

10. (Original) The clip of Claim 9 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

11. (~~Allowed~~) Previously Presented A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising the steps of:

a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;

b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;

d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;

e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;

f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;

g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,

i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.

12.(Currently Amended) An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for persons exposed to intense, vile odors, at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising.

a bendable <u>continuously curved</u> arcuate band extending between <u>obliquely and outwardly extending</u> distal ends, said ends having odor emitting means affixed thereon applying a pleasant scent directly within the nostrils of the person;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted

into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for physical separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

13. (Original) The clip of Claim 12 wherein said odor emitting means comprises a pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having an odorant absorbed therewithin.

14. (Original) The clip of claim 13 wherein said inner surface is provided with a coating of soft material.

15. (Original) The clip of Claim 14 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

16. (Original) The clip of Claim 12 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

17. (Original) The clip of Claim 12 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

18. (Currently Amended) The intra-nasal clip as in Claim ~~1~~ 12 wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

19. (Original) The clip of Claim 18 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

20. (Original) The clip of Claim 19 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

21. (Original) The clip of Claim 20 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

22. ~~(Allowed)~~Previously Presented A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising the steps of:

a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;

b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;

d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;

e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;

f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;

g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,

i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.

23. (Currently Amended) an fragrant odor emitting intra-nasal clip attachable to a nasal septum of a person, comprising:

a bendable continuously curved arcuate band extending between obliquely and outwardly extending distal ends, said ends having a fragrant odor emitting means affixed thereon applying said fragrant odor directly within the nostrils of the person;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for physical separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

24. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 23 wherein said odor emitting means comprises a pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having a fragrant odorant absorbed therewithin.

25. (Previously Presented) The clip of claim 24 wherein said inner surface is provided with a coating of soft material.

26. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 25 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

27. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 23 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

28. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 23 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

29. (Previously Presented) The intra-nasal clip as in Claim 23 wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

30. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 29 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

31. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 29 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

32. (Previously Presented) The clip of Claim 31 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

33. (Currently Amended) A method of exposing a person to a fragrant odor comprising the steps of:

a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable <u>continuously curved</u> arcuate band having two <u>obliquely and outwardly extending distal</u> ends and a reverse curvature near each respective <u>distal</u> end;

b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;

d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;

e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;

f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;

g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said obliquely and outwardly extending distal ends cause physical separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,

i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.